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1. SUMMARY. DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON TWO ISSUES (I) PREPARATION FOR POLICY BRIEFING ON COMPUTER/COMMUNICATIONS, FOR WHICH US PRESENTED OFFICIAL POSITION PAPER PER REF (A); (II) INTRODUCING REAPPRAISAL OF GENERAL PROGRAM DIRECTION, WITH CONSTRUCTIVE SECRETARIAT STATEMENT ON OBJECTIVES. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 6-7, 1974 AT WHICH TIME CUG WILL HAVE IN-DEPTH REAPPRAISAL OF PROGRAM BASED ON INPUT BY MEMBER COUNTRIES. US REPRESENTED BY EDWIN ISTVAN, NBS COMPUTER CENTER.

ACTION REQUESTED: NOMINATION OF US PARTICIPANT FOR SEPTEMBER 25-26 MEETING OF POLICY BRIEFING STEERING GROUP, LONDON, END SUMMARY.

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2. DETAILS. MAIN BUSINESS ITEM CONCERNED PREPARATION FOR BRIEFING

OF HIGH-LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON COMPUTER/COMMUNICATION POLICY ISSUES, PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR LATE 1974. US SPARKED OFF DISCUSSION THIS TOPIC WITH STATEMENT PREPARED ALONG LINES OF REF (A) HIGHLIGHTING NEED TO IDENTIFY VALUED POLICY ISSUES. US REP'S ADDITIONAL COMMENTS UNDERScoreD NEED TO LINK FUTURE PROGRAM OF CUG TO ISSUES IDENTIFIED FOR SUCH A BRIEFING AND EVENTUALLY FOR DISCUSSION AT PROBABLE 1975 SCIENCE MINISTERIAL.

3. US POSITION WAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY SEVERAL COUNTRIES, (CANADA, IRELAND, UK AND FRANCE) AND ADOPTED AS BASIS FOR ACTION. ARISING FROM DISCUSSION THIS TOPIC, CUG MOVED INTO CONSIDERATION OF REAPPRAISAL OF FUTURE PROGRAM, CONCENTRATING ON NEED TO DEFINE FRAMEWORK OF OBJECTIVES IN WHICH PROJECTS WOULD BE IDENTIFIED. DIVISION HEAD ALVAREZ MADE CONSTRUCTIVE STATEMENT EMPHASIZING NEED TO IDENTIFY NATIONAL POLICY ISSUES INVOLVING IMPACT OF COMPUTER AND COMMUNICATIONS AS BASIS OF PROGRAM. THIS WILL BE DEVELOPED INTO SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT FOR DISCUSSION AT THE CUG'S NEXT MEETING IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAJOR ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY MEMBER COUNTRIES FOR THE POLICY BRIEFING.

4. US POSITION PAPER (COPIES AIRPOUCHED DEPARTMENT, RPE, SCI) WILL BE SUBMITTED TO SECRETARIAT AS PART OF RESPONSE TO KING LETTER DAS/ST/73/3234, JULY 10, 1973, REQUESTING COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON PLICY BRIEFING. PAPER WILL ALSO BE USED AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION AT SEPT 25-26 MEETING IN LONDON OF STEERING GROUP FOR POLICY BRIEFING.ROGERS

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